

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4435  
OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Add at the end of title V the following new sections:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . LAPEL BUTTON FOR NEXT OF KIN OF DECEASED**

2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) SERVICE-WIDE ADOPTION OF NEXT OF KIN  
4 LAPEL BUTTON.—Section 1126 of title 10, United States  
5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsection (b);

7 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
8 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

9 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsections:

11 “(b) A lapel button, to be known as the lapel button  
12 for next of kin of deceased members of the armed forces,  
13 shall be designed, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
14 fense, to identify widows, parents, and next of kin of mem-  
15 bers of the armed forces who die, under circumstances not  
16 prescribed by subsection (a), while serving on active duty  
17 or while assigned to a reserve component in a drill status.

1           “(c) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Sec-  
2 retary of Defense, the Secretary concerned, upon applica-  
3 tion to the Secretary, shall furnish—

4           “(1) one gold star lapel button without cost to  
5 the widow and to each parent and next of kin of a  
6 member who lost or loses his or her life under any  
7 circumstances prescribed in subsection (a); and

8           “(2) one lapel button for next of kin of de-  
9 ceased members to the widow and to each parent  
10 and next of kin of a member who lost or loses his  
11 or her life under the circumstances prescribed in  
12 subsection (b).”.

13       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (d) of  
14 section 1126 of title 10, United States Code, as redesign-  
15 nated by subsection (a)(2), is amended by inserting “or  
16 lapel button for next of kin of deceased members” after  
17 “gold star lapel button” both places it appears.

18       (c) USE OF EXISTING DESIGN.—The design of the  
19 lapel button for the next of kin of deceased members of  
20 the Armed Forces required by subsection (b) of section  
21 1126 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
22 section (a)(3), shall be based on the design of such a lapel  
23 button provided by the Secretary of the Army to certain  
24 survivors of deceased members of the Army, including the  
25 Army Reserve and the Army National Guard, pursuant

1 to Army regulation 600–6–18, as in effect on the date of  
2 the enactment of this Act.

3 (d) **RETROACTIVE AVAILABILITY.**—The lapel button  
4 for the next of kin of deceased members of the Armed  
5 Forces required by subsection (b) of section 1126 of title  
6 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(3),  
7 shall be available to provide appropriate recognition for  
8 the survivors of members of the Armed Forces who have  
9 died since September 10, 2001.

10 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . GOLD STAR INSTALLATION ACCESS CARD.**

11 (a) **SERVICE-WIDE ADOPTION OF ACCESS CARD.**—  
12 The Secretary of each military department and the Sec-  
13 retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is op-  
14 erating (in this section referred to as the “Secretary con-  
15 cerned”) shall provide for the issuance of a Gold Star In-  
16 stallation Access Card to Gold Star family members who  
17 are the survivors of deceased members of the Armed  
18 Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned  
19 to expedite the ability of a Gold Star family member to  
20 gain unescorted access to military installations for the  
21 purpose of obtaining the on-base services and benefits for  
22 which the Gold Star family member is entitled or eligible.

23 (b) **SERVICE-WIDE ACCEPTANCE OF ACCESS CARD.**—  
24 The Secretaries concerned shall work jointly to ensure  
25 that a Gold Star Installation Access Card issued to a Gold

1 Star family member by one Armed Force is accepted for  
2 access to military installations of another Armed Force.

3 (c) PROTECTION OF INSTALLATION SECURITY.—In  
4 developing, issuing, and accepting the Gold Star Installa-  
5 tion Access Card, the Secretary concerned may take such  
6 measures as the Secretary concerned considers nec-  
7 essary—

8 (1) to prevent fraud in the procurement or use  
9 of the Gold Star Installation Access Card;

10 (2) to limit installation access to those areas  
11 that provide the services and benefits for which the  
12 Gold Star family member is entitled or eligible; and

13 (3) to ensure that the availability and use of  
14 the Gold Star Installation Access Card does not ad-  
15 versely affect military installation security.

16 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries  
18 concerned shall complete implementation of this section.

19 (e) GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.—In this  
20 section, the term “Gold Star family member” means a  
21 person who has received a Gold Star Lapel Button or a  
22 Lapel Button for the Next of Kin of Deceased Members  
23 of the Armed Forces under section 1126 of title 10,  
24 United States Code.

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6\_\_\_ . USE OF COMMISSARY STORES AND MWR RETAIL**  
2 **FACILITIES BY PARENTS OF DECEASED MEM-**  
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) USE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of each mili-  
5 tary department and the Secretary of the Department in  
6 which the Coast Guard is operating shall prescribe such  
7 regulations as may be necessary to ensure that a parent  
8 of a deceased member of the Armed Forces is permitted  
9 to use commissary stores and MWR retail facilities on the  
10 same basis as any surviving spouse or child of the member.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “MWR retail facilities” means ex-  
13 change stores and other revenue generating facilities  
14 operated by nonappropriated fund activities of the  
15 Department of Defense or the department in which  
16 the Coast Guard is operating for the morale, wel-  
17 fare, and recreation of members of the Armed  
18 Forces.

19 (2) The term “parent” includes mother, father,  
20 stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, fa-  
21 ther through adoption, or foster parent who stood in  
22 loco parentis.

